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Semitic - tongueed Semites broke out from their region of origin around 6000 yrs ago (4000 BC), and climatic disruptions due to a sharp worldwide cooling 5800 yrs ago (3800 BC) may have accelerated their migrations.

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Someone, clowning perhaps, hitched a horse to an ox and invented the plow; thus, animal energy augmented human muscle power. The plow was shared by the Sumerians, inhabitants of southern Mesopotamia who made distinctive ceramics using the potter's wheel and who began developing the first highly stratified culture 6000 years ago (4000 BC). The herding of mutant woolly sheep had a new source

of textiles completed the regional manifesto of a live-stock revolution. These innovations had been gathered together by 6000 years ago (4000 BC) in or near northern Mesopotamia. With the new agricultures of cow and plow came social change. For a start, herding and plowing were tasks for men, while the women were set to spinning and weaving woolen cloths. Not for the last time, people in general found that labor-saving innovation meant harder work.

c 4000 BC

city of BYBLOS founded.

4000 BC

Wheel-thrown pottery - mesopotamia

4000 BC

Early Bronze Age

4000 BC

Silkworm domesticated.

4000 B C

Tell Halaf and al'Ubaid cultures
were settling Mesopotamia.

~~4000 BC~~
~~6,000 yrs ago~~

Post glacial rise in sea
level ends

478 BC

In southwestern Asia, the Early Bronze Age markedly began.